

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, NATIONAL GUARD
& VETERANS' AFFAIRS
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 25, House Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Co-Chair
Rep. Wayne Harper, Co-Chair
Sen. Luz Robles
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Neil Hansen
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Don L. Ipson
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller
Rep. Kenneth Sumsion
Rep. Carl Wimmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Mark B. Madsen

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Sen. Van Tassell called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

Sen. Van Tassell invited Nannette Rolfe, Director Drivers License Division, and Jill Laws, Deputy Director, to address the committee concerning the new licensing processes at the Division. SB 81 of 2008 created a new type of limited term license for individuals in the country under legal presence and have the documents to show that. In 2009 SB 40 was passed which made it possible for the state to implement SB 81 Jan 1, 2010 and to mirror as closely as possible the Federal Real ID Act. Renewal by mail and internet were discontinued because the state now has to verify an individual's status in the country and has to scan the documents that so verify. The results are long lines at the licensing offices which the Division is addressing by having people take numbers and publishing the wait time on line. They are also sending out letters three months in advance of an individual's scheduled renewal informing them of the new process and what documents they need to bring in.

Dennis McFall, Deputy Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, asked whether individuals could scan and email their documents to the Division in the interest of saving time. The answer is that this is not acceptable by the Real ID Act.

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, responded to questions from the previous meeting about actions taken during the last meeting of the 2009 session as to the allocation of \$1,000,000 in funds taken from Transportation - Construction Management and used to fund one-time 6 different projects. Also discussed was \$275,000 of general fund on-going revenue taken from DEQ and allocated to fund the startup and operation of the National Guard North Salt Lake Readiness Center. The Readiness Center was not ready to open as soon as anticipated, so there was a savings in funding of FTEs and maintenance which the National Guard proposed be part of the 4% cut.

MOTION: Rep. Ipson moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hendrickson, and Rep. Wimmer absent for the vote.

The Analyst referred the committee to errors that were made in the information that the committee acted on at the previous meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Ipson moved to correct the error so that the actual budget adjustment from the General Fund for the National Guard for FY 2010 is (\$194,500) and for Veterans' Affairs is (\$34,300). The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hendrickson, and Rep. Wimmer absent for the vote.

Veterans' Affairs

Terry Schow, Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, discussed some concerns about the Veterans' Cemetery and again emphasized the importance of the VA outreach efforts. The Ogden nursing home is now open and should have vets moving in next week. Rep. Sumsion requested that research be done concerning who has the liability for a pipeline that comes through Camp Williams and flows into a canal which is now eroding. Rep. Painter stated that the owner of the water rights is probably liable. Ret. Col. Craig Morgan who works at the cemetery has contacted the canal company and received an unsatisfactory response. He expressed concern about the safety issues of the canal.

Sen. Van Tassell requested that the agencies look at their budgets and programs to find ways to be innovative to create efficiencies in their operations. There is also a need to create a priority

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list which begins with those things that the committee would cut first and have at the bottom those things considered most important.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Handrickson and Rep. Wimmer absent for the vote.

Sen. Van Tassell adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Rep. Wayne Harper, Co-Chair

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Co-Chair